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1 Sarawak — tel 39 — 7/2/49.2

Mr. Stone.

The word omitted from (1) is obviously
'agree'. Mr. Gerald Whiteley agrees
that an offer should be made to Mr. Padmore
as soon as possible. K.G. Ashton
10/2.

I agree & have minuted to that effect
on the P.F. — where action will proceed.

My Home
10/2

2 Windward Isles tel 82 — 20/2/49
(S/ton 60260CR). ✓

3 Sarawak — tel 99 — 15/3/49.

Mr. Padmore has accepted.

I understand from Miss Ballo
(C.S.O.) that action is being taken on
his P.F. to inform Sarawak. A copy
of the tele. & saving gram will be sent
for this file.

Put by.

K.G. Ashton
21/3.

4 Sarawak — tel 76 — 22/3/49
(S/ton 60260CR) ✓

Mr. Robison.

Please may we have your observations on (5)?

2. Unfortunately Mr. Pearce's P.F. is not available at present, but you will probably remember him.

3. I have not been favourably impressed by Mr. Pearce's qualifications and age, so far as the Borneo post is concerned. On the other hand, as mentioned in (5), another body would be particularly useful in Sarawak and Borneo during the next few years. I imagine also that Mr. Earnshaw has found out from Malaya enough to satisfy him about Mr. Pearce's suitability. In the circumstances I think, albeit reluctantly, that we should probably offer to Mr. Pearce, as requested.

4. It is almost certain, though not explicitly said in (5), that a new post would have to be created, if Mr. Pearce goes out, unless it is intended that Mr. Radmore should become Assistant Principal, Teachers' Training Centre, for the time being. That point can be cleared up in our reply to (5). I do not see any objection

to the addition of another post to
the Establishment, for the Department
is certainly none too large. 4

L^d Ashton.

L^d Ashton
21/4

I am afraid I cannot recall
what qualifications L^d Pearce has for
this post but I remember I was not
very enthusiastic about him or Colonel
Scott when he was first suggested.

As you say L^d Earnshaw
must have satisfied himself that L^d
Pearce is suitable for work in
Borneo.

I support the change of
plans for L^d Padmore who will be
much more useful in Kuching
where he will obtain a grasp of
the language & of local conditions before
wishing to join off on his own to
Borneo. I welcome the extra
office in Sarawak & I support the
approval be given to the proposal in (5)

L. M. Ashton
21/4

Mr. Stone

Please see (5) and subsequent minutes. Unfortunately Mr. Pearce's

P.F. is still not available.

As I imagine that this question of re-employment does not concern Poms. and Longfellow Branch I have not passed the file through them. No doubt you will do so, if necessary.

K. Ashton
27/4

S 813

Mr Padmore should be told of the change of plans for him, i.e. that he will be posted to Kuching in Sarawak in the first instance, instead of to Borneo.

My Stone
27/5

(1) Miss Balls }
(2) Mr. Stone } Please see para. 5 of 101

on Mr. Padmore's P.F. below, wherein Mr. P. reports that he expected to leave Grenada on the 7th May. ? we should wait until he arrives in U.K. or send a telegram through the Gov. on the off. chance that he has not yet left.

Brooks
12/5 p 14/5

Mr Ashton

Agree with Mr Robinson that the proposal in (5) should be agreed.

Mr Padmore can be informed when he arrives in U.K.

My Stone
16/5

Mr Gerald Whiteley

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Please see (5) and subsequent minutes. I have now been able to obtain Mr. Pearce's P.F., which is behind.

If you agree that we should now offer to Mr. Pearce, I suggest action as in draft. If we were sure that Mr. Pearce was staying some time at his Australian address (76) on P.F. we could ask Sarawak to make the offer; I have however noticed nothing on the file about that.

The second paragraph of the draft is intended to elucidate the point in para. 4 of my min. of 21/4.

I agree that offer shd. be made to Mr Pearce.

G.C. Whiteley

17/5. at once.

6 To. Sarawak^{tel.} 11/4 - Cons. — 18/5/49

7. Sarawak - tel 195 — 16/5/49

(7) is covered by (6)

Mr. Brodie (S.813.)

For action please as in F.A. of (6). Relevant info. is at (5) on this file and (16) of 48, subject of course to revised conditions of service in general.

offer made to Mr. Pearce on P.F. 366/88R. copy to be registered on these papers.

8 J. Pearce Esq — 8/6/49
(8/ton 36618 CR) 7

9 Sarawak — tel 214 — 27/5/49

Miss Balls (8).

I suggest that a copy of (9) might go on the P.F., so that the point at 'X' can be made perfectly clear in any subsequent correspondence with Mr. Pearce.

No action on the second para. is necessary.

K. Ashton 13/6.

Mr. Ashton.

The registration will be done. I

think, though, that the point at X is clear in para. 1 of the offer (8).

J. Balls.
17/6.

Miss Balls and I have spoken. 'X' of (9) will be mentioned to Mr. Pearce if the opportunity arises.

Put by.

K. Ashton
17/6.

10 Sarawak — tel 245 — 17/6/49

Ref. (10), nothing received or expected for some time.

B. H. Luth.

K. Ashton
21/6

Copy of 9
placed on 36618 CR
J. Pearce.

S823D.
16/6.

11. Sarawak - tel 266 - 7/7/49.

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Miss Batts.

I understand that you have some good news about Mr. Pearce.

KG Ashton 13/8

Mr. Ashton.

Mr. Pearce was due to leave Australia for Sarawak, travelling via Singapore, on the 17th. July. Since we have heard nothing to the contrary I presume he went.

? you will wish to answer (11).

J. Baer.
15/8.

Sir Gerald Whiteley.

I expect that Mr. Pearce has reached Sarawak by now. However it might be as well to clarify the position as in draft?

KG Ashton
15/8.

12 Sarawak - Tel. 200 - 16. 8. 49

13 Sarawak - tel 324 - 18/8/49

Rev by.

KG Ashton
20/8

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INWARD TELEGRAM.

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

COPY FOR REGISTRATION



En Clair.

FROM SARAWAK (O.A.Q.)

D. 18th August, 1949.

R. 18th " " 09.45 hrs.

No. 324.

(12)
Your telegram No. 200 dated 16th August, 1949.

Education Officer Pearce.

Person named arrived Kuching 7th August and
proceeded Brunei 15th August.

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM
FROM S. OF S., COLONIES

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En Clair

TO SARAWAK (O.A.G.)

Sent 16th August 1949, 11.30 hrs.

Ans 13

No. 200

Your telegram No. 266.

Pearce.

Person named accepted offer and, according to latest information here, should have left Australia for Sarawak, via Singapore, on 17th July. Grateful to learn whether he has arrived or communicated with you.

Draft

TELEGRAM/ * * SAVINGRAM

* The word Priority may be entered here, if necessary.

File No. *12*

59705/49

C.O. ●

To:—

O.A.G., Sarawak.

Repeated to:—

Sent. *Enclain*

11.30 hours.

16.3 194*9*

Mr. *Asahan 5/8*

Mr. *W. G. Whiteley 15/8*

Mr. _____

Sir _____

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

S. of S.

Tel. Sec. 16/8

at once

Priority:—

Nil.

Reply urgently required.

Important.

Immediate.

Most Immediate.

For transmission:—

In Clear

Code

Cypher

No. *200*

Restricted.

Confidential.

Secret.

Top Secret
and Personal.

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16 AUG 1949

In Tel. C.D.

Distribution:—

Copy to P.F. ✓

Further action:—

(11)

Tom tele. no. 266.

Edwards

PEARCE.

Person names

*accepted offer and,
according to latest*

INFORMATION

*infr. here, was going
should have left Australia
to leave*

for Sarawak, via

P.P.

Singapore, on 17th July.

Grateful to learn whether
~~No doubt~~ he has

when arrived or

communicated with

you.

INWARD TELEGRAM.

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

COPY FOR REGISTRATION

59705/49



Codo

FROM SARAWAK (O.A.G.)

D. 7th July 1949

R. 7th " " 13.10 hrs.

No. 266

My telegram No. 245 dated 17th June.

Education Officer, Pearce.

Grateful for reply.

(10)

INWARD TELEGRAM.

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

COPY FOR REGISTRATION

Code

59705

FROM SARAWAK (O.A.G.)

D. 17th June 1949

R. 17th " " 10.00 hrs



No. 245.

(6)

Your telegram No. 124 dated 18th May, 1949.

Education Officer.

Grateful for early information regarding
result of the offer to Pearce.

INWARD TELEGRAM.

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FROM SARAWAK. (O.A.G.)

D. 27th May, 1949.

R. 27th " " 11.45 hrs.

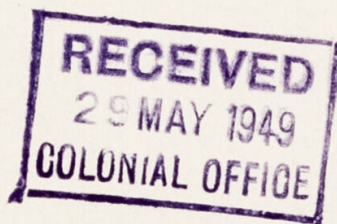
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Your telegram No.124.

Education Officer.

x / Appointment of Pearce will necessitate an additional post on Sarawak Establishment. Consider it important that offer to Pearce should be on contract to Sarawak Service with liability service Brunei, not (repeat not) to Brunei only.

Grateful you continue efforts to find second Assistant Principal for Teacher Training Centre, as anxious fill this post before end of 1949.



Colonial Office,
2, Sanctuary Buildings,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

8 June, 1949.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Cressch Jones to inform you that he has selected you for temporary re-employment in the Colonial Service as an Education Officer in Sarawak for service in Brunei. The appointment would be for a period of three years.

2. In accordance with the revised conditions for the re-employment of retired Colonial officials you would, in addition to your pension, receive a non-pensionable salary at the rate of $\frac{4}{5}$ ths of the salary of the re-employment post i.e. $\frac{4}{5}$ ths of £625, plus $\frac{4}{5}$ ths of the normal rate of expatriation pay of £175 a month making a total of £800 a month (£9,600 a year). You would also be eligible for a non-pensionable cost of living allowance of £135 a month (£1,620 a year). (For the purpose of exchange with sterling one Sarawak dollar equals 2s.4d.).

3. On appointment you would be provided with free passages direct from Australia to Sarawak for yourself, your wife and up to three children under the age of 10 years, and you would be eligible for free return passages on satisfactory completion of your period of service. Full re-employment salary would be payable for the period of the voyage to Sarawak. You would earn leave at the rate of five days for each month of resident service.

/s.

4. Government quarters, including heavy furniture, would be provided if available on payment of rent the amount of which would depend on the class of quarters. At present rents vary between /15 and /60 a month.

5. Salaries paid in Sarawak are subject to taxation imposed by local enactment.

6. A pamphlet containing information relating to the general conditions and cost of living in Sarawak is enclosed for your guidance.

7. Will you please state as early as possible whether you are prepared to accept the appointment on these conditions. In the event of your acceptance the United Kingdom High Commissioner in Canberra is being asked to arrange your passage direct to Sarawak.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

SIGNED W. S. NICHOLLS

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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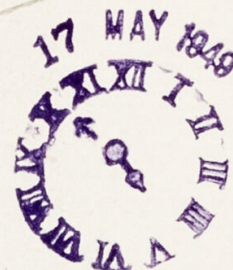
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FROM SARAWAK (O.A.G.)

D. 16th May, 1949.

R. 16th " " 09.40 hrs.

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No.195

(5)

My telegram No.148 dated 14th April.

Education Officer - Pearce.

Grateful inform present position earliest.

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

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Code

TO SARAWAK (O.A.G.)

Sent 18th May, 1949. 13.30 hrs.

No. 124.

Your telegram No. 148.

Education Officer.

Offer is being made to Pearce, who is believed to be in Australia at present.

2. Grateful to learn by telegram whether this appointment will call for an additional post on the Sarawak establishment. I assume you wish me to continue my efforts to find a second Assistant Principal for the Teachers' Training Centre which have so far I regret been unsuccessful.

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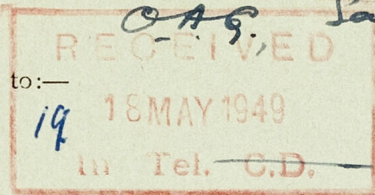
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To:--

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Sent.

1330 hours.

18/5/1949

C.O. ●

Mr. *Ashton* 17/5

Mr. *G. Whiteley* 17/5

Mr. _____

Sir _____

at once

Priority:—

Nil.

Reply urgently required.

Important.

Immediate.

Most Immediate.

For transmission:—

In Clear

Code *Coded*

Cypher

No. 124

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Confidential.

Secret.

Top Secret
and Personal.

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(5)

Your tele. no. 148

Education Officer.

Offer is being
made to PEARCE,
who is believed to be
in Australia at
present.

2. Grateful to
by telegram
learn whether this
appointment will
call for an additional

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Further action:—

Cue. to Mr. Brodie (S. 813.)
for offer to Mr. Pearce.

post on the ^{Sarawak} establishment.

I assume
and ~~whether~~ you wish
me to continue my efforts
to find a second Assistant
Principal for the Teachers'
Training Centre, which have
so far I regret been unsuccessful.

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

FROM SARAWAK (O.A.G.)

D. 14th April, 1949.

R. 14th " " 13.00 hrs.



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No. 148.

Addressed to the Secretary of State.
Repeated to Commissioner General No. 107.

My telegram No. 358.

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Education Officer.

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Conversations which I have had with Resident Brunei have led me to reconsider policy regarding Education Officers and to ask if an offer may now be made to Pearce as indicated in my telegram under reference but that salary should be difference between Malay pension and \$900 per month which he drew as revised salary in Grade "B" of Malay Education Service. This in effect means implementation of the Frisby Report. A 3 years contract would be offered to Pearce at the termination of which he would be relieved by Padmore. During the period of Pearce's contract, Padmore's service would be invaluable in Sarawak where our resources in respect of trained Educationists are still all too slender. Padmore would in addition be gaining experience of local conditions and language which would serve him well when he goes to Brunei. Grateful for early reply.

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

60260 C.R.

Code.

TO SARAWAK (O.A.G.)

Sent 22nd March, 1949. 09.30 hrs.

No. 76 Confidential.

Your telegram No. 39.

Education Officer, Brunei.

H.J. Padmore accepts and is fit.
Will travel to U.K. in May and wishes to take
nine weeks leave for which he is eligible
before proceeding Sarawak.

Grateful to learn whether air passage
U.K. to Sarawak, which he is willing to accept,
should be arranged.

INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

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FROM SARAWAK (O.A.G.)

D. 15th March, 1949
R. " " "

11.10 hrs.

No. 97 Confidential

My confidential telegram No. 39.

Educational Officer, Brunei.

Grateful to learn if Padmore has accepted the offer and when he may be expected.

OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

50260 C.R.

Code

TO WINDWARD ISLANDS (Mr. H.D.H. Arundell)

Sent 25th February, 1949, 13.45 hrs.

No. 82 Confidential.

Mr. H.J. Padmore, Education Officer, Grenada,

Provided you see no objection, grateful if you will ascertain whether person named wishes to be considered for probationary appointment to the Colonial Education Service as an Education Officer, Sarawak, for service in Brunei. If so, please offer on following conditions, subject to physical fitness.

- (1) Probationary period three years from date of arrival in Sarawak. Salary \$575 a month in scale \$400 x 50 - \$450 x 25 - \$525 a month. Pensionable expatriation pay \$150 a month on salary up to \$600 and \$175 on maximum. Cost of living allowance for married officer \$10 a month plus 25% of basic salary subject to maximum of \$135 a month.
- (2) Free passages provided for officer, wife and up to three children under 10 once each way during each tour of service.
- (3) Leave for officer with less than 10 years service 4 days a month, for officer with more than 10 years service 5 days a month.
- (4) Government quarters, including heavy furniture, provided if available at rents varying between \$15 and \$60 a month.
- (5) Medical attendance whilst in the Colony free, but a charge is made for hospital treatment.
- (6) Pensions legislation will shortly be enacted on lines of the Colonial Model Ordinance, which will provide probably for a minimum qualifying period of service of 10 years, a gratuity if retired after less than 10 years service, a pension constant of 1/600th of final pensionable emoluments for each month of service and a normal retiring age of 55. Officers will also be required to subscribe to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund at the rate of 5% of salary, subject of a maximum of \$50 a month.

2. As this long outstanding appointment is of urgency, grateful if you will inform me by telegram whether person named accepts and is passed fit, and if so whether he can be released at once. It is desirable that if he accepts he shall proceed to Sarawak as soon as possible, and I shall be grateful to learn amount of leave standing to his credit and whether he wishes to take leave in the United Kingdom before proceeding to Sarawak.

Confirmation copy by air mail.

INWARD TELEGRAM.

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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COPY FOR REGISTRATION

Code



FROM SARAWAK (Sir C. Arden Clarke)

D. 7th February, 1949

R. 7th " " 10.25 hrs.

No.39. Confidential.

Your telegram No.26.

Education Officer, Brunei.

I ^{? agree} (? word omitted) that offer should be made to Padmore.

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